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incorporates a variation of provisions originally contained in LB 866, and requires the department to review and provide recommendations to the Governor for updating childcare rules and regulations at least every five years. And that was introduced by Senator Howard. Secondly, the next bill is LB 950, a vital records fee. AM2442 also contains provisions of LB 950, as amended by the committee. The bill was, again, introduced at the request of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The bill amends various sections of law to increase the vital records fee for certified copies of vital records and filing of records from \$7 to \$11. The fee increase is requested to cover operating costs. Several years ago, this body set forth that any fees, both in licensure or any other matter, should at least be covered by their own fee structure and not funded by General Funds. The last sustained fee increase was 1992, and a temporary \$2 fee increase was granted in 1995 to support the vital statistics automation project. That increase sunsetted in 1999. Also included in this amendment are LB 1002 and LB 1254, concerning advanced practice registered nurses. AM2442 contains both those bills, LB 1002 and LB 1254, as amended by the committee. Both bills were introduced by Senator Synowiecki, and relate to the same section of Nebraska law. LB 1002 changes the prescribing authority of advanced practice registered nurses, APRNs, in a similar way to the changes made relating to physician assistants last year. (Cough)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, please.

SENATOR JENSEN: Excuse me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: (Laugh) I'm sorry.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Didn't mean to interrupt.

SENATOR JENSEN: (Cough) I have a cold here I'm trying to work through. There is a technical amendment to this portion of AM2442. Current law permits nurse practitioners to prescribe therapeutic measures and medications, except for Schedule II controlled substances. Nurse practitioners are permitted to